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# Harvard's City May Regulate Lab Experiments on Animals

*New York Times*

Cambridge, Mass.

The Cambridge City Council has voted to appoint a commissioner to supervise all experiments conducted on animals at laboratories in the city.

City officials said the regulations would apply to 13 institutions, including Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The regulations must be drafted into an ordinance and must be approved again by the council before taking effect.

The regulations, approved Monday night by a unanimous vote, are stricter than any other city's on the use of laboratory animals in research, advocates of animal rights said.

Under the regulations, a commissioner will be appointed to review the procedures in animal experiments and to make unannounced inspections of laboratories.

The City Council left unresolved the issue of whether animal rights groups will be allowed to have representatives on the committees.

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Cambridge City Council  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Council,

Salutations and thanks for appointing an animal experimentation commissioner. Your enlightened and laudatory action should demonstrate that the prevention of unnecessary agony for animals will not impede animal research which is professionally validated and performed.

Animal rights representatives should be on committees because such a phenomenon would assure the exertion of pressure that mandated procedures would be followed. I assume that these representatives will be allowed input into the commissioner's <sup>selection</sup> process. Many existing "inspectors" are indifferent, have low priority responsibility, or are pro-research biased, which accounts significantly, if not primarily, for the widespread needless animal torture which has been repeatedly documented.

Respectfully and warmly,

*George Kallman*

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